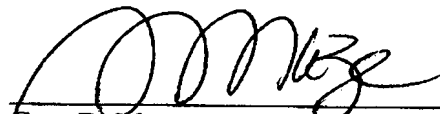


REMARKS

After filing the Notice of Appeal and reviewing the prosecution history particularly with regard to what later became claim 7 in the U.S. Patent 6,079,496 it was discovered that when this claim was rewritten in independent form as pending claim 5 in the Amendment filed 12/22/99, the last line was inserted in the wrong spot in the Amendment and did not make it into the issued claim 7. This amendment attempts to correct that error made by Appellant's counsel in the Amendment and has the additional salutary benefit of overcoming the rejection of this claim as anticipated over the O'Brien U.S. Patent 4,427,070. No new matter is added.

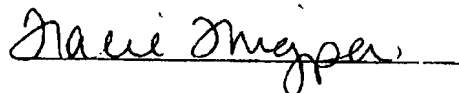
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